

Blythe Robinson

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Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 12:31 PM
To: Blythe Robinson
Cc: Russell, Robert W.
Subject: RE: EXT || RE: Streetlighting Accounts

Hi Blythe,

I heard back from the streetlighting manager and I added comments in red. Please call me if any questions!

Thanks, Bob

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Hi Blythe, If I don't get you an update tomorrow, this is what I believe is true-

1. The process requires the town to provide a written request identifying any accounts **to receive** pricing on. Our process is to include pricing for all billed municipal streetlighting accounts so all we need is a request on town letterhead requesting pricing for streetlights currently leased to the town of Upton. We will put the town into the queue for pricing. Since this is only an inquiry at this time, the town does not need to notify the DPU of their intention to purchase
2. We cannot estimate the cost but we've seen prices from \$1 to hundreds. The pricing is based on the billing quantities and the values of the property records, so providing an estimate is not possible. The full calculation would have to be **performed**.
3. There has been a huge demand placed on on group who audits and develops purchase prices -- I've seen audit and pricing take more than 6 months in some cases. We do have a large amount of requests in the queue, however, the Rhode Island purchase requests have just begun going through an accelerated process and we may be able to "catch up" with the MA requests soon. Upton would be the 10th pricing inquiry for MA if received today .
4. We will be offering an LED rate in October, pending DPU approval. The LED rate should save **streetlighting** costs. Anticipating a high demand for LED lighting conversions from existing leased **lighting (High Pressure Sodium fixtures)**, the rate will limit **replacements to no more than 10% per year**.

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